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E.O. 11652: GDS

IMAGS: PFOR, NI

SUBJECT: GOWON VISIT

REF: STATE 193305

1. PREFERRED OP GON (MEETING 11:30 A.. THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4; ARRIVAL ANDREWS; USE BLAIR HOUSE FACILITIES) CONVEYED 10:00 GMT FRIDAY TO OLISEMEKA (GOWON TRAVELING IN NORTH, ARIKPO ENROUTE TO NEW YORK, IYALLA UNAVAILABLE). NO REPLY POSSIBLE BEFORE SEPTEMBER 29 AFTER GOWON'S EXPECTED RETURN TO LAGOS TONIGHT.

2. OLISEMEKA'S PERSONAL REACTION NOT ENCOURAGING. POINTS OUT THAT GOWON EAGER HAVE "TURN AROUND" TIME AFTER EARLY ARRIVAL OCTOBER 4 BEFORE ENGAGING IN ANY DISCUSSIONS; GOWON "MUCH PREFERS" UNGA APPEARANCE PRECEDE ANY OTHER ACTIVITIES IN US; AND THAT MAJOR ALTERATIONS ALREEVY MADE IN REMAINDER OF SCHEDULE IN ORDER BE PRESENT FOR MEETING 3:00 P.M. OCTOBER 5, AND OLISEMEKA NOOT CERTAIN GSAT NEW ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE. GREAT STRESS GIVEN NEED UNGA APPEARANCE PRIOR OTHER MEETINGS.

3. WILL, OF COURSE, LATER PRESENT KEY BISCAYNE AND/OR LUNCHEON PROPOSALS IF NECESSARY AVERT CANCELLATION. HOWEVER, I AM BVNBTFUL S TIMING OF FORMER, SINCE GOWON, TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, STILL SCHEDULED ADDRESS UNGA AT 11:00 A.M.; AND LATTER DOES NOT OVERCOME OBJECTIONS RAISED BY OLISEMEKA. THUS, PRESENT OPTIONS EXTREMELY LIMITING. REINHARDT

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